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UM COMMUNITY DISCUSSION FEATURES U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL MISSOULA-

The University of Montana will host a community discussion titled "Oil, Democracy and Islam in Central Asia and the Caucasus" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Urey Lecture Hall.

The discussion is free and open to the public and features John Fox, U.S. State Department director of Caucasus and Central Asian Affairs.

Fox has been in his current position since July 2003. Before that he served as deputy political counselor in Moscow and also as chief of the political-external section there. He is a 2000 graduate of the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

In addition, he has served as chief of the political-economic section at the American embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and in the political section of the U.S. mission to NATO in Brussels, Belgium. He also served in several positions connected with the crisis in Somalia. Before joining the foreign service, Fox worked in the private sector in Lagos, Nigeria, for the United Nations in Vienna, and as a senior research physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

The event is sponsored by UM's Office of International Programs and the Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program, as well as the Montana World Affairs Council.

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